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Labor Plus, LLC, and its Successor Wynn Las Vegas, LLC and International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States and Canada Local Union 720 (IATSE).
Cases 28–CA–161779 and 28–CA–166890

June 14, 2018

DECISION AND ORDER

BY MEMBERS PEARCE, MCFERRAN, AND KAPLAN

On February 16, 2017, Administrative Law Judge John T. Giannopoulos issued the attached decision. The Charging Party filed exceptions and a supporting brief, and the Respondent filed an answering brief. The Respondent filed a cross-exception and a supporting brief.

The National Labor Relations Board has delegated its authority in this proceeding to a three-member panel.

The Board has considered the decision¹ and the record in light of the exceptions and briefs and has decided to affirm the judge’s rulings, findings, and conclusions and to adopt the recommended Order.²

¹ In light of *NLRB v. Noel Canning*, 134 S.Ct. 2550 (2014), we do not rely on the judge’s reference to the following Board decisions: *Bellagio, LLC*, 359 NLRB 1116 (2013), *Wynn Las Vegas, LLC*, 358 NLRB 690 (2012), and *Wynn Las Vegas, LLC*, 358 NLRB 674 (2012).

² In adopting the judge’s dismissal of the complaint, we note that the correct standard for determining whether Respondent Wynn was a legal successor to Labor Plus is whether there was a substantial continuity between the enterprises, and whether, by June 16, 2015, the date the Respondent employed a substantial and representative complement of employees, a majority of its work force was comprised of former Labor Plus bargaining-unit employees. See *Publi-Inversiones de Puerto Rico, Inc.*, 365 NLRB No. 29, slip op. at 1 fn. 1 (2017), *enfd.* 886 F.3d 142 (D.C. Cir. 2018). Applying this standard, we agree with the judge that the Respondent was not a legal successor to Labor Plus.

For the reasons set forth in the judge’s decision, we agree that former Labor Plus employees hired by Respondent Wynn prior to the May 2, 2015 election resulting in the Union’s certification as representative of the Labor Plus unit do not count as former unit employees in determining whether a majority of Wynn’s work force was comprised of former employees from that unit. We agree with the judge that the circumstances of this case are distinguishable on factual and policy grounds from *Derby Refining Co.*, 292 NLRB 1015, 1015 (1989), *enfd.* 915 F.2d 1448 (10th Cir. 1990). We therefore disagree with our dissenting colleague’s reliance on that case in contending that former Labor Plus stagehand David Weigant should be counted as a former Labor Plus unit employee in Wynn’s work force, even if he was no longer working for Labor Plus before the Union attained representative status in that unit on May 2.

We also reject our colleague’s argument that Weigant should be counted as a former Labor Plus unit employee based on a postelection

ORDER

The recommended Order of the administrative law judge is adopted and the complaint is dismissed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. June 14, 2018

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determination in the Labor Plus election proceeding that a challenge to his ballot should be overruled because the testimony of a Labor Plus official that he had been hired by Wynn before the election was “too unreliable to be credited.” In *this* proceeding, however, the General Counsel entered into evidence, without objection, a stipulation that on May 1 Wynn hired five former Labor Plus employees, including Weigant. The Union was joined in this all-party stipulation by the General Counsel and Wynn—neither of which were parties in the Labor Plus election case. As the judge found, “whatever previous deficiencies that existed in the representational proceeding regarding Weigant’s hire date were resolved by the stipulation.” Further, the judge’s reliance on the stipulation as controlling is consistent with the hearing officer’s determination in the election case that other employees proved to have been hired by Wynn on May 1 were not in the bargaining unit at the time of the election. In fact, there are no exceptions to the judge’s finding that the parties’ stipulation governs in determining which Labor Plus stagehands were hired by the Respondent prior to the election in the Labor Plus unit.

Rather, the Union argues in exceptions, and our dissenting colleague agrees, that Weigant remained a Labor Plus unit employee through the May 2 election day even though he was also a Wynn employee from May 1. We reject this argument on multiple grounds. First, it is not a theory of violation advanced by the General Counsel, who is in control of the complaint. Second, as stated above, it is contrary both to the hearing officer’s determination in the Labor Plus election case and the all-party stipulation in this case that the employees hired by Wynn on May 1 were not in the Labor Plus bargaining unit. Finally, the possibility that Weigant was a dual employee of Wynn and Labor Plus—an issue that was neither raised at the unfair labor practice hearing nor supported by relevant evidence—is wholly speculative. It certainly draws no support from the fact that Wynn-hired stagehands remained on the roster of eligible Labor Plus employees awaiting assignment. Labor Plus is a work force supplier to other employers at multiple venues. That Wynn-hired stagehands were eligible to seek dispatch by Labor Plus to other jobs does not demonstrate that they had any relationship with Labor Plus regarding the Showstopper “unit” work. To the contrary, the uncontroverted evidence establishes that once Wynn hired the former Labor Plus unit stagehands, Labor Plus had no involvement in assigning them to work at Showstoppers, nor any role in determining their employment conditions once they were assigned there. In sum, our colleague goes to great lengths to make an argument that the General Counsel could have made, but did not. Even had the General Counsel done so, we would find the preponderance of record evidence, as opposed to speculation, weighs against finding that Weigant remained in the Labor Plus unit after May 1.

MEMBER MCFERRAN, dissenting.

The Board's Supreme Court-approved successorship doctrine is designed "to promote stability during changes of ownership and to reduce industrial strife." *Derby Refining Co.*, 292 NLRB 1015, 1015 (1989), *enfd.* 915 F.2d 1448 (10th Cir. 1990). Our doctrine presumes that the employees of a unionized employer continue to support the union after a new employer takes over, and it requires the new employer to recognize the union if (among other things) a majority of its work force came from the predecessor. *Id.* This successorship case turns on whether stagehand David Weigant should be counted as a former employee of predecessor employer Labor Plus, LLC for purposes of determining whether Wynn Las Vegas, LLC was a successor employer. The twist here is that as Labor Plus stagehands were in the very process of unionizing, Wynn—which had used stagehands supplied by Labor Plus—took the work in-house by hiring certain Labor Plus employees itself (including, arguably, Weigant).

There are very good reasons, however, to count Weigant toward the Labor Plus-majority in Wynn's work force. First, Weigant's status as a Labor Plus employee, at the time of the union election, was determined in a prior Board representation case: Weigant was found to be an eligible voter in the representation election, and he voted for the union. Second, even if Weigant's employment relationship with Labor Plus had ended just before the union election, the Board's case law, and the policies that inform it, nevertheless support treating Weigant as a formerly union-represented employee. In contrast, the majority's reliance on a stipulation by the parties to determine the correct treatment of Weigant—trumping the reasons for counting Weigant as a former Labor Plus employee—is unfounded, for reasons I will explain.

I.

The factual and procedural background here is somewhat complicated. Under a contract, Labor Plus supplied stagehands to Wynn for a show performed at Wynn's theater. On April 15, 2015, the Union filed a representation petition with the Board, seeking to represent the Labor Plus stagehands employed at Wynn's theater. Two days after the petition was filed, Wynn—perhaps not coincidentally—terminated the contract with Labor Plus, deciding to use its own stagehands. On May 1, the day before the Board conducted a representation election, Wynn hired five Labor Plus stagehands—assertedly including Weigant. But Labor Plus did not terminate those stagehands after Wynn hired them, and they remained on

the roster of eligible Labor Plus employees awaiting assignment.¹

On May 2, the election was held in a bargaining unit consisting of "[a]ll full-time and regular part-time on-call stagehand employees in the Wynn Showstoppers Theatre in Las Vegas, Nevada." Labor Plus challenged the ballots cast by certain employees, including Weigant, arguing that they were no longer employed by Labor Plus on the date of the election, but instead had been hired by Wynn. The Board's hearing officer found that Weigant was an eligible voter; his ballot was opened and counted. The Regional Director adopted the hearing officer's determination, and the Board, in turn, denied review of the Regional Director's decision. See *Labor Plus, LLC*, 2015 WL 6865885 (Nov. 9, 2015) (unpublished order). On December 1, the Union was certified as the representative of Labor Plus stagehands working at Wynn's theater, although by that time Labor Plus was no longer referring stagehands to Wynn.

In this unfair labor practice case, the General Counsel alleges that Wynn is a successor employer to Labor Plus and that it violated Section 8(a)(5) and (1) of the Act by, among other things, failing to recognize and bargain with the Union. There is no dispute over one element of the successorship determination: that there was substantial continuity of the enterprise between Labor Plus and Wynn. The issue, rather, is whether at the time Wynn employed a substantial and representative complement of employees, a majority of its work force consisted of former Labor Plus bargaining-unit employees. That issue, as explained, depends on whether Weigant should be counted toward the majority.

The administrative law judge concluded that he should not be. The judge relied on a stipulation entered into by the parties here (the General Counsel, the Union, and Wynn), which recited among other things that on May 1, "Respondent Wynn hired" Weigant and four other stagehands, each of whom "was formerly an employee of Respondent Labor Plus working at the Wynn ShowStoppers Theater." On the judge's view, the stipulation meant that on the day of the Board election, Weigant was *not* a member of the Labor Plus bargaining unit and that Weigant could not be treated as a former Labor Plus employ-

¹ The uncontradicted testimony of Labor Plus Office Manager Rita Taratko establishes that Weigant's employment with Labor Plus was not terminated following his May 1 hire by Wynn; in fact, Weigant remained on Labor Plus' roster of eligible employees. At the original representation hearing, when asked whether these five employees, including Weigant, had been terminated, Taratko testified, "No . . . The relationships are there. Based on what our business does is we provide stage hands . . . Once that job is done, the employees then go away and wait for a next assignment. So they are still currently on the books with Labor Plus awaiting another assignment."

ee for purposes of the successorship question. Thus, Labor Plus employees did not constitute a majority of Wynn's work force, and Wynn had no duty to recognize the union that Labor Plus employees (including Weigant) had chosen. The judge accordingly dismissed the complaint. The majority endorses this result.

II.

The majority errs in adopting the judge's view of the parties' stipulation here and in failing to be guided by the Board precedent and policy that should govern this case.

A.

If the majority and the judge were correct, of course, then the General Counsel and the Union willingly entered into a stipulation that gave away the case. This seems highly unlikely. The alternative explanation, of course, is that the stipulation was not intended to have—and does not have—the significance that the majority and the judge give to it. The stipulation recites that “on May 1, 2015, . . . Wynn hired . . . steady extra stagehand employee David Weigant” and that “[e]ach of the named employees [including Weigant] was formerly an employee of . . . Labor Plus.” The stipulation certainly acknowledges Weigant's hiring by Wynn and his status as a one-time employee of Labor Plus. But it does not, by its terms, address Weigant's status as a Labor Plus employee on the day of the union election or his status as a member of the Labor Plus bargaining unit created by the election. Nor does it address the Board's prior determination that Weigant was, indeed, a member of the bargaining unit who accordingly was permitted to vote in the Board election. The judge's interpretation of the stipulation—as conclusively establishing that Weigant's employment relationship with Labor Plus ended upon his hiring by Wynn—fails to read the ambiguous language of the stipulation in the context of the factual and procedural circumstances here.² Wynn's hiring of Weigant is not necessarily incompatible with his status as a Labor Plus employee (recall that he was not terminated by Labor Plus) and as a bargaining-unit member.³

² The majority asserts that the Board must accept this erroneous interpretation of the stipulation because there are “no exceptions to the judge's finding that the parties' stipulation governs in determining which Labor Plus stagehands were hired by the Respondent prior to the election.” This assertion, however, ignores the Charging Party's argument on exceptions that the judge fundamentally misinterpreted the stipulation, by presuming that the fact that Weigant was hired by the Respondent on May 1 necessarily precluded him from being a Labor Plus bargaining-unit employee on the date of the election.

³ The majority erroneously argues that the theory that Weigant was an employee of the predecessor was never advanced by the General Counsel, who is in control of the complaint. In Paragraph 2(h) of the Complaint, the General Counsel clearly alleged that Wynn “has employed as a majority of its employees individuals who were previously

Rather than adopt the judge's reading, the Board should interpret the stipulation as consistent with the Board's prior determination of Weigant's status and not as conflicting with that determination.⁴ Indeed, it is clear under Board law that the prior determination (made by the Regional Director and affirmed by the Board) should be given preclusive effect. Under the Board's rules, the “[d]enial of a request for review shall constitute an affirmation of the Regional Director's action which shall also preclude relitigating any such issues in any related subsequent unfair labor practice proceeding.”⁵ Here, the Board denied review of the Regional Director's decision adopting the determination that Weigant was a Labor Plus employee. Thus, in this related unfair labor practice proceeding, the Board should give effect to its prior determination by treating Weigant as a member of the Labor Plus bargaining unit. As the Board recently explained in applying preclusion principles, we have a strong “administrative interest in . . . resolving questions concerning representation quickly and definitively.”⁶ This case implicates that interest, inasmuch as the issue is whether Weigant was ever represented by the union and, ultimately, whether the union will continue to be the representative of former Labor Plus stagehands now employed by Wynn. And there is no indication that by entering into the stipulation, the parties intended to revisit that issue—and resolve it differently than the Board had.

employees of Respondent Labor Plus.” Further, in his posthearing brief to the judge, the General Counsel argued that “the five stagehands hired on May 1 should be counted as former employees for purposes of establishing that Respondent hired a majority of employees from its predecessor Labor Plus.” To the extent that the General Counsel did not specifically argue that Weigant was simultaneously employed by Wynn and Labor Plus on the date of the election, the Board is permitted to consider the clear evidence adduced in the record supporting this factual determination. See *W.E. Carlson Corp.*, 346 NLRB 431, 434 (2006) (emphasizing that the Board remains free to use its own reasoning in deciding alleged violations of the Act); *Urban Laboratories*, 308 NLRB 816, 816 fn. 4 (1992) (explaining that the Board may apply a legally appropriate theory even when the General Counsel fails to articulate it clearly); see also *Frito Co., Western Division v. NLRB*, 330 F.2d 458, 465 (9th Cir. 1964) (observing that General Counsel “cannot limit the scope of the decision which may be rendered upon the evidence adduced”).

⁴ Cf. *Inacomp America, Inc.*, 281 NLRB 271, 271 (1986) (Board not bound by parties' stipulation as to employee's voting eligibility where stipulation was contrary to statutory policy).

⁵ Board's Rules & Regulations, Sec. 102.67(g). See, e.g., *The Mirage Casino-Hotel*, 364 NLRB No. 1, slip op. at 1 fn. 2 (2016); see also *Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp.*, 365 NLRB No. 55, slip op. at 1 (2017) (“It is [...] clear as a matter of Board law and procedure that a Regional Director's decision is final—and thus may have preclusive effect [...] if the Board denies a request for review.”).

⁶ *Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp.*, above, 365 NLRB No. 55, slip op. at 2.

B.

In any case, Board precedent and policy confirm that, under the unusual circumstances of this case, counting Weigant toward the Labor Plus union majority is the correct approach—even if Wynn hired Weigant on the day before the union election (as stipulated by the parties) *and* that hiring somehow terminated his employment relationship with Labor Plus (contrary to the record evidence). The Board’s decision in *Derby Refining*, *supra*, explains why.

The issue in *Derby Refining* was whether to count, toward the union’s majority, predecessor employees who had retired or who had refused recall *before* the successorship transaction and who were then hired by the asserted successor. Certain employees had retired in order to avoid an anticipated loss of pension benefits connected to the demise of the predecessor employer. Other employees had refused recall when told by the predecessor that their job would necessarily be short-term. The successor employer described both these categories of workers as “‘new’ . . . employees and not ‘former’ [predecessor] employees.”⁷ But the Board had no difficulty rejecting that description. The Board found that both categories of employees would have continued to work for the predecessor, but for the circumstances leading to the successorship. The retired employees maintained an “attachment to the unit” and the same “expectations concerning [union] representation . . . as those [workers] who were able to stay on the payroll.” 292 NLRB at 1016. The employees who refused recall, similarly, did not thereby demonstrate an “abandonment of interest in the [bargaining] unit.” *Id.* It was appropriate, then, to treat all of these employees as if their employment relationship with the predecessor had *not* been severed before they were hired by the successor. *Id.* at 1016–1017.

Weigant’s situation in this case was very much like that of the *Derby Refining* employees. He was employed by Labor Plus to work at Wynn’s theater; Wynn terminated its contract with Labor Plus—obviously jeopardizing Weigant’s job—just as Weigant and his coworkers were pursuing unionization; and Weigant then accepted what amounted to the same job with Wynn, while voting for the union in the Board election. If Weigant severed his employment relationship with Labor Plus, then clearly it was as a direct consequence of the end of Labor Plus as a supplier of employees to Wynn (just as the *Derby Refining* employees retired, or refused recall, because of circumstances caused by the demise of the predecessor employer there).

⁷ 292 NLRB at 1016.

Nothing in this sequence of events suggests that Weigant was abandoning his interest in the bargaining unit, lacked attachment to the unit, or had a different expectation concerning union representation than Labor Plus stagehands who became part of Wynn’s work force only after the election. Just the opposite is true. It is even clearer here than it was in *Derby Refining* that Weigant’s continuing support for the union should be presumed and that he should be counted toward the union majority in Wynn’s work force. *Not* doing so would frustrate the reasonable expectation of former Labor Plus employees that they would continue to be represented by the union at Wynn, threatening exactly the sort of instability and labor conflict that the Board’s successorship doctrine aims to avoid.

III.

Today’s decision might be called the case of Schrödinger’s Employee:⁸ an employee who is simultaneously in—and not in—a bargaining unit. The employee was in the bargaining unit for purposes of the Board election, but is not in the unit for purposes of the successorship determination. His vote counted to help elect the union to represent the predecessor’s employees, and yet he cannot be counted as union-represented to determine whether those employees will continue to be represented at the successor employer. Maybe this result makes sense as a matter of quantum physics, but it does not make sense as a matter of labor law. Accordingly, I dissent.

Dated, Washington, D.C. June 14, 2018

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⁸ “Schrödinger’s Cat” is a thought experiment proposed by physicist Erwin Schrödinger in 1935, in which he postulated that under the theory of quantum physics, it would be possible for a cat in a closed box to be both simultaneously alive and dead until the moment that it is observed. See Erwin Schrödinger, *The Present Situation in Quantum Mechanics*, *Naturwissenschaften* (1935).

DECISION
STATEMENT OF THE CASE

JOHN T. GIANOPOULOS, Administrative Law Judge. This case was tried before me in Las Vegas, Nevada, on November 3, 2016, based upon charges filed by the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States and Canada Local Union 720 (Union or IATSE Local 720) and an Order consolidating cases, consolidated complaint and notice of hearing dated August 31, 2016 (complaint) issued by the Regional Director for Region 28 on behalf of the General Counsel. The complaint alleges that Wynn Las Vegas, L.L.C. (Respondent or Wynn), violated Section 8(a)(1) and (5) of the National Labor Relations Act (Act) by: (1) refusing to recognize and bargain with the Union as the exclusive collective-bargaining representative of a unit of stagehands employed by Wynn; refusing to provide the Union with necessary and relevant information regarding unit employees; and refusing to bargain with the Union about a decision to subcontract unit work, or the effects of that decision. According to the complaint, Wynn's bargaining obligation is premised upon it being a successor employer to Labor Plus L.L.C. (Labor Plus), the company that previously employed the stagehands.¹

At the hearing, the General Counsel called three witnesses to testify. Along with this witness testimony, the parties rely extensively on a 30 paragraph stipulation of facts and associated exhibits that were admitted into evidence.² (JX. 1–20) Based upon the entire record, including the stipulation of facts, my observation of the demeanor of the witnesses, and after considering the briefs filed by the General Counsel, the Union, and Wynn, I make the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

I. JURISDICTION AND LABOR ORGANIZATION

Respondent admits that it is a Nevada limited liability company, conducting operations in the lodging, gaming, and entertainment industry in Las Vegas, Nevada. It further admits that it derives gross revenues in excess of \$500,000 annually, and purchases and receives at its Las Vegas facility goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly from points outside the State of Nevada. Wynn admits, and I find, that it is an employer engaged in commerce within the meaning of Sections 2(2), (6), and (7) of the Act. *Wynn Las Vegas, LLC*, 358 NLRB 690, 691 (2012) (Board finding jurisdiction). Although not admitted by Respondent, I find that IATSE Local 720 is a labor organization within the meaning of Section 2(5) of the Act. *Stage Employees IATSE Local 720 (AVW Audio Visuals)*, 332 NLRB 1, 5

¹ The complaint originally alleged, in Case 28–CA–166571, that Labor Plus also violated Sec. 8(a)(1) and (5) of the Act. At the hearing, I granted the General Counsel's motion to amend the complaint by removing allegations that Labor Plus violated the Act, remove all references to Case 28–CA–166571, and amending the caption accordingly. Thus the complaint, as amended, only alleges that Wynn violated the Act. (Tr. 19; GC 1(v))

² Transcript citations are denoted by "Tr." with the appropriate page number. Citations to the General Counsel, Joint, and Administrative Law Judge Exhibits, are denoted by "GC." "JX." and "ALJ." respectively.

(2000) (finding that IATSE Local 720 is a labor organization); *Bellagio, LLC*, 359 NLRB 1116 (2013) (directing a second election for employees to determine whether they desire to be represented by IATSE Local 720).

II. FACTS

A. Background

Respondent operates a luxury hotel and casino located on the Las Vegas "strip." See, e.g., *Wynn Las Vegas, LLC*, 358 NLRB 674, 678 (2012).³ Along with a hotel and casino, Wynn also operates two theaters on its property—the Aqua and the Encore. The Aqua Theater hosts the show *Le Rève*. Since about October of 2014, the Encore Theater has been home to a musical revue called "ShowStoppers."⁴ ShowStoppers showcases classic songs from American theater—the "best of the best." (Tr. 86–88, 108, 115)

Monica Marie Coakley is the assistant director of technical operations for ShowStoppers, and has held that position since October 2014. Coakley assigns work to the stagehands working in the Encore Theater who perform the various rigging, props, carpentry, electrical, lighting, and related work needed to produce the show.⁵ (Tr. 75–76, 104–106, 110–111, 115; JX. 5; GC. 21)

In November 2014, Wynn signed a contract for Labor Plus to provide stagehands for ShowStoppers.⁶ The agreement called for Labor Plus to provide "non-union labor" throughout the run of the show, unless cancelled by either party.⁷ Even though the stagehands were technically employed by Labor Plus, the company did little more than pay their wages. Coakley directed the Labor Plus stagehands, assigned their work, and supervised their day-to-day tasks. She also tracked their hours and then forwarded them to Labor Plus for payment. (Tr. 43, 49, 80–81, 87, 94–95; GC. 21(a)-(j); JX. 1; JX 7 p. 133; JX 20)

Along with using contract stagehands, Wynn employed three of its own stagehands for ShowStoppers. Coakley testified that 16 stagehands are needed to produce the show—including both Wynn and Labor Plus stagehands. She considers a full complement for the show to be 16 full-time stagehands and six steady-extras.⁸ Steady-extras are fill-in workers who step in whenever a full-time stagehand is unavailable to work. They are an important part of the employee mix and need to be ready to cover the cues for the show whenever called upon. Because

³ The "Las Vegas strip" encompasses "the four mile area of Las Vegas Boulevard on which many of the city's most famous casinos and resorts are located." *Tiffany Design, Inc. v. Reno-Tahoe Specialty, Inc.*, 55 F. Supp. 2d 1113, 1116, fn. 1 (D. Nev. 1999).

⁴ The Encore Theater is also referred to as the ShowStoppers Theater. (Tr. 87)

⁵ Throughout this decision, the term "stagehands" excludes wardrobe, hair, and makeup employees.

⁶ Before Labor Plus, Wynn was using contract stagehands from a company called Showpay. (Tr. 131–132, 137, 145)

⁷ The General Counsel does not allege that the contract's "non-union labor" provision is a violation of the Act. *Compare David Saxe Productions*, 364 NLRB No. 100, slip op. at 2, 18 (2016) (violation for maintaining a "non-union" provision in employment agreement requiring employees to acknowledge their employment is not under the jurisdiction of any labor organization).

⁸ Steady extras are also referred to as "swing" employees. (Tr. 88)

of turnover, the only time Coakley has had a full complement of 22 available stagehands was for about 1 month in December 2015. (Tr. 89, 121–122; GC. 21(a); JX. 20)

On April 15, 2015,⁹ the Union filed a representation petition in Case 28–RC–150168 for a unit of Labor Plus stagehands working at the Encore Theater.¹⁰ The parties signed a stipulated election agreement, scheduling the election for May 2.¹¹ Before the election, Labor Plus submitted a voter eligibility list with 19 stagehands (14 full-time employees and 5 steady-extras). It also listed two “casual” employees that the parties stipulated would vote subject to challenge.¹² (JX. 2, 4, 5, 20)

Two days after the petition was filed, on April 17, Wynn informed Labor Plus that it was terminating its contract and bringing the stagehand work for ShowStoppers “in house,” using exclusively Wynn employees.¹³ At the same time, Wynn notified the Labor Plus stagehands that they could apply to work directly for Wynn. Labor Plus continued providing stagehands to Wynn through May 9, as Wynn was hiring its own workers and beginning to operate the show using exclusively Wynn stagehands. (JX. 3, 6(b), 14 p. 9; 20; GC. 21; Tr. 90–91, 127)

There was no hiatus in the show as it transitioned from using Labor Plus stagehands to using exclusively Wynn stagehands.¹⁴ When they were hired by Wynn, the former Labor Plus stagehands received a pay increase, along with fringe benefits after 90 days of employment. However, their job duties remained the same, and Coakley continued giving them their assignments. The day-to-day work for the stagehands, along with the cue tracks they needed to perform, remained the same after the transition. Once a stagehand was hired directly by Wynn, they were no longer assigned to work at the Encore Theater by Labor Plus. (Tr. 79, 92–95, 109, 132–133, 141–142)

B. The May 2 election and the R-Case litigation

Sixteen people voted during the May 2 election. Labor Plus challenged every voter and also filed posthearing objections. On August 10, a hearing officer resolved the ballot challenges and election objections.¹⁵ The hearing officer found that 10 employees were eligible to vote, as the evidence showed they

were still working at the Encore Theater for Labor Plus as of May 2.¹⁶ The hearing officer found that three voters were not eligible to vote because they had been hired by Wynn before the election, and thus were no longer employed by Labor Plus as of May 2.¹⁷ In doing so, she credited the testimony of Labor Plus Office Manager Rita Taratko that these workers were hired by Wynn on May 1, and that none had been referred to the Encore Theater by Labor Plus after April 30. (JX. 11, 14, 20)

As for steady-extra stagehand David Weigant, the hearing officer found Taratko’s testimony that Weigant was hired by Wynn on May 1 as “too unreliable to be credited.” Therefore, she ordered that his ballot be counted, finding there was insufficient evidence to show Weigant was no longer employed by Labor Plus in the petitioned-for unit as of the May 2 election. She similarly found that two other voters, Douglas Tate and Chris Portzer, were also eligible to vote. (JX. 11)

Labor Plus filed exceptions to the hearing officer’s decision. The Regional Director agreed with the hearing officer’s recommendations concerning the challenged ballots, with only one exception involving Portzer, who was a casual employee.¹⁸ Concerning Weigant, affirming the decision that his ballot should be counted, the Regional Director found that Labor Plus did not meet its burden to show that he was not eligible to vote in the election. In sum, the Regional Director ordered that the ballots of the following 12 employees be counted: Trent Utterback, Kendall Zobrist, Eric Shafer, Bret Portzer, Brian Pomeroy, Eric Fouts, Hector Lugo, Eric Meyers, Luke Cresson, Debbie Jenson-Miller, David Weigant, and Douglas Tate. (JX. 14) Labor Plus sought review with the Board, which denied the request. *Labor Plus, LLC*, 2015 WL 6865885 (Nov. 9, 2015) (unpublished order).

The 12 ballots were opened and counted, and on November 18 a tally of ballots issued showing a 12-0 vote for the Union. The Board issued its Certification of Representative on December 1. (GC. 23; JX. 15)

C. The Union’s request to bargain

While the election litigation was pending, on June 26 the Union sent a letter to both Labor Plus and Wynn demanding bargaining and requesting certain information to prepare for bargaining. The letter also warned both companies not to make any unilateral changes or discipline employees without first bargaining with the Union. Wynn replied on July 2, questioning the Union’s position regarding the company’s bargaining obligation, and asking the Union for the factual and legal basis for its assertions in order to further assess the Union’s bargain-

⁹ All dates are in 2015 unless otherwise noted.

¹⁰ Wynn was not named in the petition, and was not involved in the representation election process. (JX. 11, 14)

¹¹ The stipulated unit includes full-time and part-time stagehands working in the Encore Theater, excluding guards, supervisors, wardrobe, hair, and makeup employees.

¹² One casual employee voted in the election. (JX. 10, 14) Ultimately it was ordered that his ballot would not be opened or counted, as there was insufficient evidence to reach a determination as to his eligibility to vote. (JX. 14)

¹³ There is no allegation that Wynn’s cancelling the Labor Plus contract was unlawfully motivated.

¹⁴ As Coakley confirmed, “the show must go on.” (Tr. 94)

¹⁵ Labor Plus also filed a motion to dismiss the petition claiming the unit had ceased to exist. (JX. 8) The objections and motion to dismiss were dismissed by the Board. See, *Labor Plus, LLC*, 2015 WL 6865885 (Nov. 9, 2015) (unpublished order) (affirming Regional Director’s decision dismissing objections); *Labor Plus, LLC*, 2015 WL 6865886 (Nov. 9, 2015) (unpublished order) (affirming Regional Director’s decision denying motion to dismiss).

¹⁶ The 10 employees were: Trent Utterback, Kendall Zobrist, Eric Shafer, Bret Portzer, Brian Pomeroy, Eric Fouts, Hector Lugo, Eric Meyers, Luke Cresson, Debbie Jenson-Miller.

¹⁷ The ineligible voters were: James Herlihy, William Stephenson, and Heather Lewis.

¹⁸ The Regional Director found the parties had agreed Portzer would vote subject to challenge. Because the record evidence was insufficient to decide Portzer’s eligibility, the Director ordered that his status would not be resolved unless his ballot was determinative. (JX. 14.) Ultimately, it was not.

ing demand.¹⁹ Labor Plus did not reply to the Union's letter. (JX. 12; 13; 20)

D. The Frank Sinatra birthday celebration

Four weeks a year the Encore Theater is "dark." During these weeks ShowStoppers is not scheduled to perform and Wynn usually conducts maintenance and other routine work that cannot be accomplished while the show is performing. One of the scheduled dark weeks was November 20 to December 7. However, on December 2, Wynn had scheduled a concert celebrating the 100th birthday of Frank Sinatra to play in the Encore Theater.²⁰ The show, a Grammy all-star concert, brought together various celebrities including Tony Bennett to celebrate what would have been Frank Sinatra's centennial birthday. The concert was scheduled to be taped for broadcast on CBS. Therefore, the theater's bandstand, along with some theater seats, needed to be reconfigured for the concert. Wynn stagehands, along with other non-Wynn employees, performed the work preparing for the show.²¹ This included hanging signs, storing extra props, and adjusting the seats and the bandstand. Also, television camera platforms needed to be built in the theater to allow for the taping. These platforms were not built by Wynn stagehands, notwithstanding the fact that some had the requisite skills to do so. The General Counsel alleges that the stagehand work associated with the Frank Sinatra show constitutes a mandatory subject of bargaining, and that Wynn failed to bargain with the Union regarding this work. Wynn denies this allegation.²² (GC. 1(g), 1(j); GC. 22; Tr. 96–98, 104–106, 129–130)

III. ANALYSIS

A. Legal Standard

A new employer assumes an obligation to bargain with the union representing employees of its predecessor if the new

employer is a legal successor to the old employer, and hires a majority of the predecessor's work force. *Fall River Dyeing & Finishing Corp. v. NLRB*, 482 U.S. 27, 43–46 (1987); *Empire Janitorial Sales & Service, LLC*, 364 NLRB No. 138, slip op. at 10–11 (2016). If the new employer is a successor, the Board waits until the successor has hired a "substantial and representative complement" of its work force to determine whether a bargaining obligation exists. *Empire Janitorial Sales & Service, LLC*, 364 NLRB No. 138, slip op. at 11 (citing *Fall River Dyeing*, 482 U.S. at 46–47). At that point, if the work force consists of a majority of the predecessor's workers, then the successor has an obligation to bargain with the union that represented those employees. *Fall River Dyeing*, 482 U.S. at 47.

B. Wynn is a legal successor to Labor Plus

To determine whether a new employer is a legal successor to the previous employer, the Board considers the "totality of the circumstances" to determine whether there is a substantial continuity between the two companies. *Empire Janitorial Sales & Service, LLC*, 364 NLRB No. 138, slip op. at 10 (2016) (citing *Fall River Dyeing*, 482 U.S. 27, 43 (1987)). "Under this approach, the Board examines a number of factors: whether the business of both employers is essentially the same; whether the employees of the new company are doing the same jobs in the same working conditions under the same supervisors; and whether the new entity has the same production process, produces the same products, and basically has the same body of customers." *Fall River Dyeing*, 482 U.S. at 43. In making this analysis "the Board keeps in mind the question whether 'those employees who have been retained will understandably view their job situations as essentially unaltered.'" ²³ *Id.* (quoting *Golden State Bottling, Co. v. NLRB*, 414 U.S. 168, 184 (1973)).

Here, the evidence shows that Wynn is a legal successor to Labor Plus. While Wynn operates a hotel-casino and Labor Plus provides contract labor, the fact they technically have separate businesses is not controlling. Indeed, "[i]t is difficult to imagine a clearer case for the application of the successorship doctrine than the present one, where the change of employer represents the recapture of an operation previously performed by an independent contractor." *NLRB v. Cablevision System Development Co.*, 671 F.2d 737, 739 (2d Cir. 1982), cert. denied, 459 U.S. 906 (1982).

In *Cablevision*, the court rejected the employer's argument that it was not a legal successor when it terminated a subcontract involving the installation and maintenance of cable receiver units and brought the work in-house. The employer argued that, because its overall business was "quite different" from that of the subcontractor, it was not a successor. *Id.* The *Cablevision* court noted that the relevant comparison is not between the new employer and the previous subcontractor "on a total basis, but between the specific operations involving the union members," which was the installation and maintenance of the company's equipment on Long Island. *Id.*, at 739. The question is

¹⁹ The General Counsel asserts that Wynn did not provide the requested information. (GC Br. at 6) However, neither the evidence introduced at trial nor the stipulation of facts definitively shows this to be the case. At most, Wynn's July 2 letter only shows that the information was not provided on that date. (JX. 13) Because of my findings, it is unnecessary to reach the issue as to whether the record is sufficient to prove this allegation.

²⁰ On November 5, Wynn entered into an agreement with AEG Ventures, LLC for the Frank Sinatra Show. Wynn was to provide the stage production for the concert, while AEG, the show's producer, was responsible for the performance itself, including related expenses. (GC. 22)

²¹ The Wynn stagehands worked during the dark week to prepare for the Frank Sinatra show, and some worked after December 2 dismantling the show. Work was available to any Wynn stagehand that wanted to work during the dark week. (Tr. 96–99; GC. 24) Either all of the Wynn stagehands or "almost all of them" worked for the preparation of the Frank Sinatra Show. (Tr. 131)

²² Coakley testified that she was not aware of any bargaining with the Union about the stagehands, and was similarly unaware of any actions taken by Wynn to recognize the Union. However, Coakley testified that she could not speak to the question of whether Wynn recognizes the Union as the bargaining representative of the stagehands, as that is an issue her General Manager and Technical Director deal with, not her. (Tr. 95) I credit Coakley's testimony in this proceeding.

²³ This is so, because if "employees find themselves in essentially the same jobs after the employer transition and if their legitimate expectations in continued representation by their union are thwarted, their dissatisfaction may lead to labor unrest." *Fall River Dyeing*, 482 U.S. at 43–44.

whether those operations, as they impinge on union members, remain essentially the same after the transfer to the new employer; the *Cablevision* court found they were the same and that a successorship relationship existed. *Id.*

Here, the relevant operation affecting union members is the performance of stagehand work at the Encore Theater. And this work remained essentially the same after Wynn took over employment of the stagehands from Labor Plus. For stagehands, they took assignments from the same supervisor, their job duties and day-to-day work assignments remained the same, as did the cue tracks they needed to perform.²⁴ Also, the transition from Labor Plus stagehands to Wynn stagehands occurred without a hiatus in operations.²⁵ As such, I find that after the transition there was a substantial continuity between Wynn and Labor Plus and that Wynn is a legal successor to Labor Plus for the stagehands working at the Encore Theater. *Cablevision System Development Co.*, 671 F.2d at 739.

C. Determining Wynn's bargaining obligation

To decide whether Wynn, as a legal successor to Labor Plus, has an obligation to bargain with the Union, the date upon which Wynn hired a substantial and representative complement of stagehands must first be determined. The Board considers the following factors in establishing the point at which a substantial and representative complement of employees have been hired: whether the job classifications designated for the operation were filled or substantially filled; whether the operation was in normal or substantially normal production; the size of the complement on that date; the time expected to elapse before a substantially larger complement would be at work; and the relative certainty of any expected expansion plans. *Fall River Dyeing*, 482 U.S. at 48; *Small v. Avanti Health Systems, LLC*, 661 F.3d 1180, 1188–1189 (9th Cir. 2011); *Empire Janitorial Sales & Service, LLC*, 364 NLRB No. 138, slip op. at 10–11 (2016).

Here, Wynn asks the Board to adopt a “full complement” test, by arguing there was no majority when it hired a full complement of stagehands in late 2015. (Wynn Br. at 16) However, the Supreme Court has explicitly rejected this test. *Fall River Dyeing*, 482 U.S. at 50 (“[P]etitioner’s full complement proposal must fail.”); *Avanti Health Systems*, 661 F.3d at 1189.

The General Counsel asserts that the appropriate trigger date is June 16, arguing that by mid-June most of the job classifications were filled, the work force was near its normal size, and

the production was running normally. (G.C. Br., at 13.) I agree.

As set forth in Appendix A, by June 16 Wynn employed 20 stagehands, including 16 full time employees and four steady-extras. It appears that, as of this date, the job classifications were substantially filled, the show was in normal production, and no other stagehands were hired until early August. As such, I find that a substantial and representative complement of Encore Theater stagehands was hired by June 16.

The next issue is whether Wynn employed a majority of the former Labor Plus employees. *Fall River Dyeing*, 482 U.S. at 41 (“[i]f the new employer makes a conscious decision to maintain generally the same business and to hire a majority of its employees from the predecessor, then the bargaining obligation of § 8(a)(5) is activated.”). Usually, in successorship cases the bargaining obligation involving the predecessor’s employees and the incumbent union has been established before the transition in employers. *NLRB v. Burns International Security Services, Inc.*, 406 U.S. 272, 274–275 (1972) (union was certified 3 months before the transition in employers and had already entered into a collective-bargaining agreement with the predecessor); *Fall River Dyeing*, 482 U.S. at 31–32 (union was the bargaining representative for a period of about 30 years before the transition); *CNN America, Inc.*, 361 NLRB 439 at 439, 446–448 (2014) (union had been certified since the 1980’s when successor employer decided to bring unionized work “in house” in 2003). Thus, there are generally few disagreements as to which of the predecessor’s employees should be counted in determining whether a successorship majority exists.

Here, however, the Union’s certification did not occur until December 2015, about 7 months after Wynn became the successor employer, and the transition from Labor Plus to Wynn stagehands began even before the representation election had occurred. In these circumstances, the General Counsel argues that the Board must count all the employees who had ever worked for Labor Plus at the Encore Theater, regardless of whether they were eligible to vote in the representation election, or whether they were employed by Labor Plus on the date of the election. (GC Br., at 11–13.) Because an employer’s bargaining obligation attaches as of the date of the union’s election victory,²⁶ the General Counsel’s approach would count some Wynn workers as part of a successorship majority even though there was never a bargaining obligation between the Union and Labor Plus regarding those workers.

In support of this novel approach, the General Counsel cites *Coastal Derby Refining Co. v. NLRB*, 915 F.2d 1448 (10th Cir. 1990); *Stewart Granite Enterprises*, 255 NLRB 569, 570 (1981), and *Nephi Rubber Products Corp.*, 303 NLRB 151 (1991), asserting that, in these cases, when determining whether a successorship majority existed, the Board counted employees “even if they were not employed by the predecessor

²⁴ Although the stagehands received a wage increase and permanent benefits when they were hired by Wynn, this does not affect the inquiry. See *Van Lear Equipment, Inc.*, 336 NLRB 1059, 1063–1064 (2001) (finding substantial continuity between the predecessor and successor notwithstanding the fact the successor provided a different supervisor, had different pay rates and benefits, and newer buses to drive, as the employees were performing the same work that they performed for the predecessor).

²⁵ This also supports a finding that there was a substantial continuity between the two companies. *M.S. Management Associates, Inc.*, 325 NLRB 1154, 1155 (1998), *enfd.*, 241 F.3d 207 (2d Cir. 2001) (substantial continuity exists where successor provided the same services, to the same set of customers, with the same equipment and no hiatus in operations).

²⁶ “When a majority of the unit employees have selected the union as their representative in a Board-conducted election, the obligation to bargain . . . commences not on the date of certification, but as of the date of the election.” *Alta Vista Regional Hospital*, 357 NLRB 326, 327 (2011); *Spurlino Materials, LLC v. NLRB*, 645 F.3d 870, 879 (7th Cir. 2011) (employer’s bargaining obligation attaches on the date the union is validly elected).

immediately prior to the successorship,” including employees who had been laid off or retired shortly before the transition. (GC Br., at 11.) However, in each of these cases there was a long-established bargaining obligation between the incumbent union and the predecessor employer going back years, even decades, before the transition to the successor occurred.²⁷ *Coastal Derby Refining*, 915 F.2d at 1450–1451 (union had represented unit employees for about 40 years before the transition to the successor employer); *Stewart Granite Enterprises*, 255 NLRB 569, 570 fn. 2 (1981) (union represented unit employees for about 9 years before successor purchased operations); *Nephi Rubber Products Corp.*, 303 NLRB 151, 154 (1991), enf.d., 976 F.2d 1361 (10th Cir. 1992) (Union had represented manufacturing plant employees for about 13 years before purchase).²⁸ Thus, there was no question that each employee that was counted towards a successorship majority had been represented by the Union as part of an established bargaining unit with the predecessor.

Therefore, these cases do not support the approach urged by the General Counsel. Instead, they reiterate a principle common in all successorship cases that only those employees who had been represented by the incumbent union at the predecessor employer will be counted in determining whether a successorship majority exists.²⁹ Here, that means that only those employees who were employed by Labor Plus as of May 2,³⁰ the date of the representation election and the date upon which the bargaining obligation between Labor Plus and the Union commenced, should be counted for purposes of determining a successorship majority.³¹

²⁷ No party has cited any precedent involving a transition from the predecessor to the successor commencing prior to the union’s initial representation election.

²⁸ As for instances cited by the General Counsel where some workers were not employed immediately prior to the successorship, but were counted as part of the successorship majority, these workers were either laid off just before the successorship or were urged by the predecessor to retire for purported preferential treatment. *Coastal Derby Refining Co.*, 915 F.2d at 1450, 1454 (layoffs occurred as part of predecessor’s bankruptcy, and three workers retired after being told they would receive greater pensions if they did so, in lieu of layoff); *Stewart Granite Enterprises*, 255 NLRB 569, 570 (1981) (employees were laid off or transferred to other facilities in preparation for the disposition of manufacturing plant); *Nephi Rubber Production Corp.*, 303 NLRB 151 (1991) (employees laid off, and plant shuttered, 2 months before predecessor filed for bankruptcy reorganization). However, it is undisputed that each employee had been represented by the incumbent union at the predecessor.

²⁹ My research has found no case where employees, who were never represented by the incumbent union at the predecessor, were counted as part of a successorship majority. And no party has cited any such case.

³⁰ The record shows that the stagehands hired by Wynn on May 1 were never referred by Labor Plus to work at the Encore Theater after they were hired by Wynn. Thus they were not employed by Labor Plus in the unit as of the election date, and Labor Plus never had an obligation to bargain with the Union over the terms of employment of those workers. (Tr. 79; GC. 21(d)-(j); JX. 11)

³¹ Such an approach also comports with the Board’s general precedent regarding voter eligibility. The Board has long held that an employee is eligible to vote in a representation election if they were employed in the bargaining unit during the determined eligibility period,

1. David Weigant should not be counted toward a successorship majority.

During the representation proceeding the hearing officer, affirmed by the Regional Director, found that steady-extra David Weigant was eligible to vote because the testimony as to whether Weigant was hired by Wynn on May 1 was too unreliable to be credited. In this matter, however, whatever previous deficiencies that existed in the representational proceeding regarding Weigant’s hire date were resolved by the stipulation of facts introduced into evidence by the General Counsel, and signed by all the parties.³² (JX. 20; Tr. 9) The parties stipulated that Weigant was hired by Wynn on May 1.³³ As such, Weigant was not an employee of Labor Plus in the certified unit as of the May 2 election, and Labor Plus never had an obligation to bargain with the Union over Weigant’s terms and conditions of employment.³⁴ Accordingly, Weigant will not be counted for purposes of determining whether a bargaining obligation existed based upon Wynn hiring a majority of former Labor Plus employees.

D. Wynn did not hire a majority of former Labor Plus employees

As discussed above, the stagehands hired by Wynn on May 1 will not be counted in determining whether a successorship majority exists, as they were not employed by Labor Plus at the Encore Theater as of the date of the election, and there was no bargaining obligation between Labor Plus and the Union regarding those workers. The hiring timeline, set forth in Appendix A, shows that, as of June 16, when Wynn had hired a “substantial and representative complement” of its work force, it

and on the date of the election. *Angotti Health Systems, Inc.*, 346 NLRB 1311, 1315 (2006); *St. Elizabeth Community Hospital v. NLRB*, 708 F.2d 1436, 1444 (9th Cir. 1983).

³² It is the Board’s general rule, based upon the principle of res judicata, that a respondent is not entitled to relitigate in a subsequent refusal-to-bargain proceeding representation issues that were or could have been litigated in the prior representation proceeding. *Westwood One Broadcasting Services*, 323 NLRB 1002, 1002 (1997) (citing *Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. v. NLRB*, 313 U.S. 146, 162 (1941); *Board’s Rules and Regulations* §102.67(g); see also, *UFCW, Local 576 v. NLRB*, 675 F.2d 346, 353 fn. 7 (D.C. Cir. 1982). Here, however, it was the General Counsel that introduced the stipulation of facts into evidence, and there was no objection by any party, including the Union, which entered into the stipulation. Moreover, where new and relevant information is introduced in a subsequent unfair labor practice proceeding, and where the previous representation determination is based upon an incomplete record, a more flexible approach is warranted to correct “fundamental errors in the disposition of a case.” *Burns Electronic Security Services, Inc. v. NLRB*, 624 F.2d 403, 408–410 (2d Cir. 1980); *Burns Electronic Security Services, Inc.*, 256 NLRB 860 (1981). Such is the case here.

³³ Stipulations of facts voluntarily entered into by the parties are binding on both trial and appellate courts. *FDIC v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co.*, 942 F.2d 1032, 1038 (6th Cir. 1991); *Accord, Vallejos v. C. E. Glass Co.*, 583 F.2d 507, 510 (10th Cir. 1978) (“As a general rule, a stipulation is a judicial admission binding on the parties making it, absent special considerations.”).

³⁴ Indeed, the evidence shows that Weigant did not work for Labor Plus at the Encore Theater at any time from April 28 until Labor Plus stopped referring stagehands on May 9. (GC. 21)

employed 20 stagehands at the Encore Theater. Of those 20, 10 were former unit employees of Labor Plus. “In a tie the union loses for want of a majority.” *C.J. Krehbiel Co. v. NLRB*, 844 F.2d 880, 884 (D.C. Cir. 1988); *see also, Bauer-Schweitzer Hop & Malt Co.*, 79 NLRB 453, 454 (1948) (in the case of a tie vote, no party has received a majority of the votes cast); *Indiana Bridge Co., Inc.*, 57 NLRB 681, 682 (1944) (where election results in a tie vote, no majority bargaining representative was designated). As such, no bargaining obligation attached for Wynn. Because the complaint allegations are all premised upon Wynn acquiring a successorship bargaining obligation, I find that Wynn did not violate Section 8(a)(1) and (5) as alleged, and I recommend the complaint be dismissed in its entirety.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The General Counsel failed to prove that Respondent Wynn violated Section 8(a)(5) and (1) as alleged in the complaint. On these findings of fact, conclusions of law, and based upon the entire record, I issue the following recommended³⁵

ORDER

The complaint is dismissed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. February 16, 2017

³⁵ If no exceptions are filed as provided by Sec. 102.46 of the Board’s Rules and Regulations, the findings, conclusions, and recommended Order shall, as provided in Sec. 102.48 of the Rules, be adopted by the Board and all objections to them shall be deemed waived for all purposes.

APPENDIX A
Encore Theater Stagehands
Hired by Wynn¹

Name	Status	Date hired by Wynn	Former Labor Plus Employee	Eligible to Vote in Election	Employed by Labor Plus on 5/2/15	Employed by Wynn on 6/16/15	% Wynn stagehands that worked for Labor Plus on 5/2/15
Oliver, Lynsey ²	Full Time	4/15/2015				1	0 %
Clark, Ben	Full Time	4/15/2015				2	0 %
Bober, Gregory ³	Full Time	4/15/2015				3	0 %
Lewis, Heather	Full Time	5/1/2015	1			4	0 %
Contini, Jonathan ⁴	Full Time	5/1/2015	2			5	0 %
Herlihy, James ⁵	Full Time	5/1/2015	3			6	0 %
Stephenson, William	Full Time	5/1/2015	4			7	0 %
Weigant, David	Steady Extra	5/1/2015	5	1		8	0 %
Portzer, Brett	Full Time	5/5/2015	6	2	1	9	11 %
Jensen-Miller, Deborah	Full Time	5/5/2015	7	3	2	10	20 %
Fouts, Eric	Full Time	5/5/2015	8	4	3	11	27 %
Meyers, Eric	Full Time	5/5/2015	9	5	4	12	33 %
Shafer, Eric	Full Time	5/5/2015	10	6	5	13	38 %
Barnes, Collin ⁶	Steady Extra	5/5/2015	11	7	6	14	43 %
White, Matthew ⁷	Steady Extra	5/6/2015	12			15	40 %
Cresson, Luke	Full Time	5/8/2015	13	8	7	16	44 %
Zobrist, Kendall	Full Time	5/11/2015	14	9	8	17	47 %
Todaro, Anthony ⁸	Steady Extra	5/19/2015					44 %
McMillon, Joel ⁹	Full Time	6/2/2015				18	44 %
Perrill, Joshua	Full Time	6/16/2015	15	10	9	19	47 %
<u>Karlsen, Timothy¹⁰</u>	<u>Steady Extra</u>	<u>6/16/2015</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>50 %</u>
Bonanno, Robert ¹¹	Steady Extra	8/4/2015					48 %
Yorty, Ryan ¹²	Steady Extra	8/4/2015					45 %
McNulty, Bryan	Steady Extra	8/4/2015					43 %
Lemon, Samantha ¹³	Full Time	10/13/2015					41 %
Webb, Jason	Full Time	11/24/2015					41 %
Anderson, Matthew	Steady Extra	3/22/2016					45 %
Igou, Christopher	Steady Extra	3/22/2016					43 %
Stransky, Jordin	Full Time	5/24/2016					45 %
Rogerson, Brian	Steady Extra	5/31/2016					40 %
Tulli, Brandon	Full Time	6/7/2016					38 %
Backus, Cameron	Full Time	6/21/2016					36 %
Laurent, Gary	Full Time	7/12/2016					36 %
Bevacqua, Andrew	Steady Extra	10/4/2016					36 %

¹ See GX. 20; JX. 11; JX. 24.

² Oliver transferred to a different department on August 6, 2015. (GX. 20 ¶23)

³ Bober's employment ended on February 14, 2016. (GX. 20 ¶23)

⁴ Contini's employment ended on April 12, 2016. (GX. 20 ¶24)

⁵ Herlihy's employment ended on May 3, 2016. (GX. 20 ¶24)

⁶ Barnes' employment ended on August 23, 2015. (GX. 20 ¶26)

⁷ White's employment ended on August 26, 2016 (GX. 20 ¶27)

⁸ Todaro's employment ended on May 26, 2015 (GX. 20 ¶30)

⁹ McMillon's employment ended on January 23, 2016. (GX. 20 ¶31)

¹⁰ Karlsen's employment ended on May 26, 2016. (GX. 20 ¶32)

¹¹ Bonanno's employment ended on October 31, 2015. (GX. 20 ¶33)

¹² Yorty's employment ended on February 14, 2016. (GX. 20 ¶33)

¹³ Lemon's employment ended on June 26, 2016. (GX. 20 ¶34)